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To the Honorable Ministry of Foreign
Affairs and Human Mobility of the
Republic of Ecuador

via the Honorable Embassy of the
Republic of Ecuador in Stockholm

URGENT

**Regarding the request from Sweden to Ecuador for legal assistance in a
criminal matter**

Dear Mr./Madam,

The Ministry of Justice presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of the Republic of Ecuador, and has the honour to refer to the Note Verbal of 9 July 2015 (No GM/4-7-021/2015). The Ministry of Justice hereby has the honour to communicate as follows.

The Ministry of Justice notices that Ecuador maintains its position that a specific agreement must be undertaken between Sweden and Ecuador in order for Ecuador to grant legal assistance in accordance with the Swedish request.

The Ministry of Justice can only reiterate that it is not customary to establish a specific agreement concerning any individual request for legal assistance. Such an agreement must be considered redundant, given the specified content of the Swedish request and common practices within international mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

The Ministry of Justice kindly asks once more Ecuador to reconsider its position. If not so, the Ministry of Justice would have to conclude that Ecuador is not prepared to grant the legal assistance requested by Sweden.

Thank you for your kind attention to this urgent matter.

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The Ministry of Justice avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of the Republic of Ecuador and the Embassy of the Republic of Ecuador in Stockholm the assurances of its highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,


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